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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMAE, ETRD, TECH, PARM, IN, GW, WB

SUBJECT: EXPORT OF HEAVY WATER EQUIPMENT TO INDIA

REF: A. BONN 20507 (NOTAL); B. LONDON 19042;
C. BONN 20633

1. SUMMARY. UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR CALLED AT EMBASSY TO DISCUSS EXPORT OF BORSIG COMPRESSORS FROM WEST BERLIN TO INDIA FOR HEAVY WATER PLANT. HE REPORTED THAT UK HAS MADE NO DETERMINATION WHETHER, IN THEIR VIEW, BORSIG COMPRESSORS WERE "ESPECIALLY DESIGNED OR PREPARED" FOR INDIAN HEAVY WATER PLANT. WE REVIEWED RELEVANT DATA IN SUPPORT OF US POSITION; BRIEFED HIM ABOUT CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF TRANSACTION, INCLUDING REFUSAL OF CANADIANS TO AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF SIMILAR COMPRESSORS; AND URGED THAT UK SUPPORT US POSITION. HE PROMISED TO REPORT AND RESPOND ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. UK REP HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM LONDON (APPARENTLY
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FROM WILMSHURST) AFTER US APPROACH REPORTED REF B.

FCO LETTER INFORMED UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR THAT US EFFORTS TO ADD COMPRESSORS IN AN EXPLANATORY FOOTNOTE TO HEAVY WATER PLANT EQUIPMENT ITEM ON TRIGGER LIST HAD BEEN OPPOSED AND DEFEATED BY BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS AT LONDON WORKING GROUP MEETING ON DECEMBER 1.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THIS POINT, EMBOFF RECALLED LANGUAGE OF NPT ARTICLE III. 2.B. AND EMPHASIZED THAT THESE BORSIG COMPRESSORS WERE CERTAINLY "ESPECIALLY PREPARED" AND PROBABLY "ESPECIALLY DESIGNED," AS WELL (STATE 297403) UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR ALSO HAD DATA SUPPLIED BY USBERLIN TO DECEMBER 16 MEETING OF UK ECONOMICS COMMITTEE. WE BELIEVE THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS US POSITION AND IS ALSO AWARE OF THE POLITICAL FACTORS FAVORING A REQUIREMENT FOR ASSURANCES AND SAFEGUARDS ON THIS EXPORT TO INDIA.

3. UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR IMPLIED THAT UK SEEMS TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE IN TWO PHASES: FIRST, IF IT CAN BE DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED TO SATISFACTION OF FRG THAT THESE BORSIG COMPRESSORS ARE "EDP", THEN PROBLEM SOLVES ITSELF. IF NOT, THEN A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT SECOND PHASE MIGHT BEGIN--I.E. CAN AND SHOULD ALLIES IN WEST BERLIN OR NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' MAINTAIN THAT COMPRESSORS ARE "EDP" TO SECURE POLITICAL BENEFITS OF SAFEGUARDS AND ASSURANCES IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. WE REITERATED FIRM USG ASSESSMENT THAT COMPRESSORS ARE "EDP" AND URGED THAT HE REPORT THIS US POSITION AND ITS JUSTIFICATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT. WE ALSO URGED THAT UK SUPPORT US POSITION AND SO INFORM THE FRG TO INSURE THAT GERMANS WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT THEIR REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES FROM INDIA AS A RESULT OF SUPPLIERS' CONSENSUS

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WE ALSO GAVE HIM COPY OF SECRET "NON-PAPER"
WHICH PASSED TO FRG ON DECEMBER 12 IN WHICH DESIRABLE
CONTROLS AND ASSURANCES WERE SPECIFIED (PARA 2, STATE
284049). UK REP PROMISED TO REPORT OUR CONSULTATIONS
AND TO RESPOND ASAP.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH UK SCIENCE COUNSELOR
SEEMED FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH US RATIONALE FOR
ASSERTING THAT BORSIG COMPRESSORS ARE "EDP," IT IS
OBVIOUS THAT THIS JUDGMENT REMAINS A KEY FACTOR IN
REACHING A CONSENSUS SUPPORTING US POSITION. WE DOUBT
THAT OBJECTIVE DATA CAN BE OBTAINED FROM BORSIG. IN
VIEW STRONG CANADIAN POSITION FAVORING US VIEW (OTTAWA
4739) WE WONDER WHETHER CANADIANS COULD SUPPLY DATA
ABOUT SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMPRESSORS CAPABLE OF MEET-
ING REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE IN KOTA PLANT. IF THESE
DATA REVEAL DESIGN FEATURES NOT CHARACTERISTIC OF PRIOR
BORSIG PRODUCTION WE MAY FIND IT EASIER TO MAKE OUR
POINT ON TECHNICAL BASIS.

5. WE APPRECIATE DETAILED REVIEW CONTAINED IN STATE
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302838(NOTAL) WHICH RECEIVED BY REPORTING OFFICER
AFTER FOREGOING WAS TYPED. WE WILL REVIEW THESE COM-
MENTS WITH APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS AND WITH UK
SCIENCE COUNSELOR ASAP.
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